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Slovak Mining Archives
and
Slovak Mining Museum

invite you
to an international conference

EARLY STEAM ENGINES IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN MINING

October 7 – 8th 2022

Banská Štiavnica, Slovakia

first circular

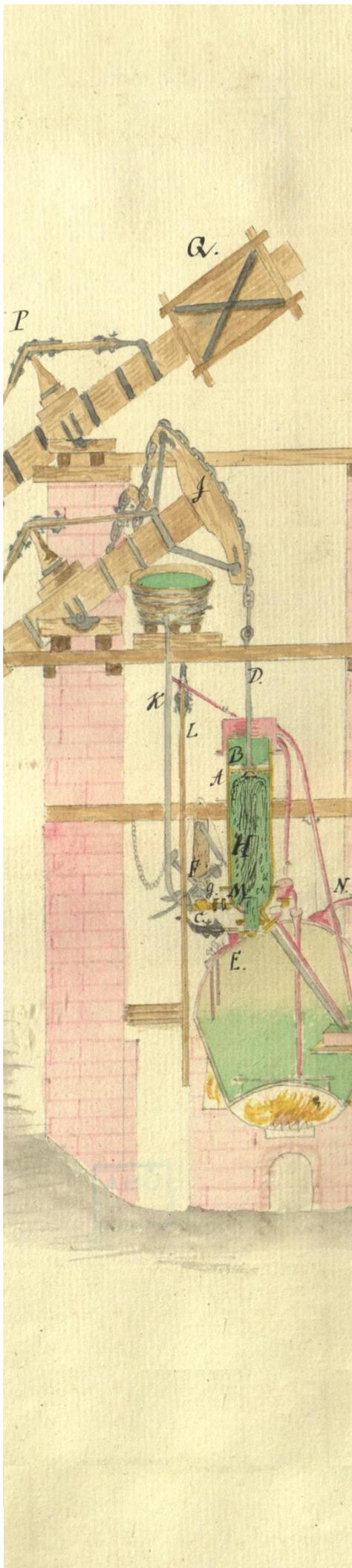
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Dear Colleagues,

in 2022 we will commemorate the 300th anniversary of the first atmospheric steam engine used in Central European mining. At the end of 1722, the English engine builder Isaac Potter completed his work on a Newcomen engine designed to pump water from the Althandel mine in Nová Baňa (Germ. Königsberg), Slovakia, which opened a new era of the use of steam energy in Central Europe.

The aim of our conference will be to present the newest archaeological, historical and technological research of early steam engines and related buildings. We also would like to explore, on the basis of factual examples, the various approaches which can be used to reconstruct and present this pioneering technology for today's public. The general topic of the history of technology and industrial archaeology can be illustrated by contributions highlighting new technologies, archaeological methods and virtual reconstructions.

Communications may cover all aspects of historical steam technology used in mining, from early examples up to the first half of the 19th century. This meeting of experts will be open to the general public. In addition to scientific papers, we invite participants to generate public discussion about their research also in the form of posters.

Moreover, **parallel with the conference, a temporary exhibition "Atmospheric Steam Engines in Central European Mining"** will be held at the Slovak Mining Museum.

The conference will take place in the historical mining town Banská Štiavnica from Friday 7th to Saturday 8th of October 2022. On Saturday afternoon **a field trip** is planned, **to discover regional heritage** and to visit the archeological excavations of the first engine house from 1722 in Nová Baňa.

Selected papers will be published in 2023 in a collective monograph in English.

The conference language is English.

Next circular will be sent in March 2022.

Application form

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